

**CLAIMS**

1. Protective cover which is intended for sporting rifles that comprise of screws (2) which are used to fix a shell propulsion mechanism (3) to a  
5 rifle support (4), characterised in which the referred cover (5) has predetermined dimensions in function of the area to be covered, said area to be covered including the heads (1) of the screws (2) that fix the shell propulsion mechanism (3) to the support (4) and because it also comprises means for fixing the cover to the mentioned sporting rifle.
- 10 2. A cover in accordance with claim 1, characterised in that the support (4) has a recess (8) on part of its exterior surface that coincides, at least partially, with the area to be covered, with such a shape and size that at least part of the perimeter portion (9) of the cover (5) mates with the said recess (8).
- 15 3. A cover in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterised in that it also includes some means of positioning the cover (5) on its interior face with respect to the rifle.
4. A cover in accordance with claim 3, characterised in that the said means of positioning are formed by at least two projections (10) on the  
20 said interior face of the cover that are able to fit into at least two blind orifices (11) on the rifle support (4).
5. A cover in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterised in that it is transversally convex towards the exterior and longitudinally elongated.
6. A cover in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterised in that at  
25 least part of its exterior surface is smooth and can bear graphic printed information on its exterior surface.
7. A cover in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterised in that it is in a single piece obtained through the injection moulding of plastic material.
8. A cover in accordance with at least one of the previous claims,  
30 characterised in that the said means of securing consists of at least two push-fit, elastic-fitting pins (6) and because the support (4) for the rifle

comprises at least two housings (7) that receive and fit around the said pins (6).

9. A cover in accordance with claim 8, characterised in that the said at least two pins (6) are four.

5 10. A cover in accordance with claim 8 or 9, characterised in that the said pins (6) have a mushroom shape.

11. A cover in accordance with at least one of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the said means of securing consist of some adhesive means.